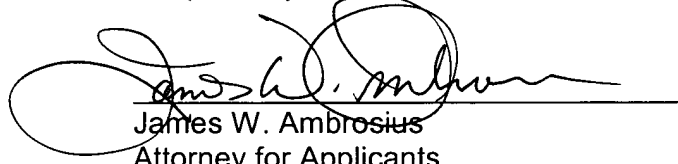


REMARKS

The specification has been amended by inserting a cross-reference to the parent application which was allowed in the U.S. Patent Office on September 17, 2003.

Amended claim 1 is fully supported generally throughout the specification. See, for example page 4, lines 21-32. Support for new claim 57 may be found on page 5, line 8. The amendment to claim 49 is to correct dependency. The amendments to the other claims are made simply to make them conform to amended claim 1. Therefore, the amendments add no new subject matter to the application and entry would be proper. Therefore, entry of the preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

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